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Dear Ms. Macaulay:

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) hereby submits the following comments on the Third Staff Draft of the Delta Plan, dated June 14, 2011. The comments address matters discussed in Chapter 7 – Reduce Risk to People, Property, and State Interests in the Delta.

Page 136, RR P2, after Line 26

It should be noted that the Yolo Bypass is a federal flood control project under the jurisdiction of the CVFPB and we have an agreement with the Department of Fish and Game for the management of Yolo Basin wetlands. A copy of our agreement with Fish and Game can be provided.

Page 137, RR P2, after Line 8

We recommend that the lower San Joaquin River Bypass be discussed in the Delta Plan EIR on a programmatic level.

Page 137, add RR P3, after Line 10

Encroachments located within project levees and project levee right-of-way need to be permitted through the Title 23 permitting process managed by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. Maps included in Title 23, California Code of Regulations define project levee alignments.

Federal and State project levees within the Delta are illustrated on the following map links:

[http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/lrafmo/fmb/docs/SanJoaquinRiver\\_LFPZ\\_Map.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/lrafmo/fmb/docs/SanJoaquinRiver_LFPZ_Map.pdf)  
[http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/lrafmo/fmb/docs/SacramentoRiver\\_LFPZ\\_Map.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/lrafmo/fmb/docs/SacramentoRiver_LFPZ_Map.pdf)

We recommend that these maps be included in the Delta Plan.

Page 137, RR R1, Lines 12-15, revise as follows:

The Legislature should fund the Department of Water Resources and the CVFPB to evaluate and implement a bypass and floodways on the San Joaquin River near Paradise Cut that would reduce flood stage on the mainstem San Joaquin River adjacent to the urban and urbanizing communities of Stockton, Lathrop, and Manteca, in accordance with Water Code section 9613 (c).

Page 138, after Line 45; insert the following as a seventh bullet (after DWR 200-year bullets):

- CVFPB (USACE 1955/1957 Profile): Levees built under the 1955/1957 profile incorporate a minimum crown elevation equal to the 1955/1957 original Corps design profiles resulting from modeling results listed in the Corps 2002 Comprehensive Study. There is no consistent level of protection associated with the 1957 profile other than the fact that the height of levees were designed using the 1955 flood of record.

Page 141, Table 7-1; add another row to the table:

"Class 6; CVFPB (USACE 1955/1957 Profile)" Levees within this class allow all land uses (therefore, a "checkmark" in each column). The Central Valley Flood Protection Board standards or minimum design criteria for levees are included in California Code of Regulations, Title 23 Waters, Division 1 Central Valley flood Protection Board.

Page 143, add RR P5, insert the following:

- The CVFPB's Delta Levee Subvention Program shall be included as an investment tool used to fund maintenance activities on Delta levees. A copy of the Board's funding criteria can be provided.

Thank you for allowing the Central Valley Flood Protection Board to comment on the Draft Delta Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Len Marino at (916) 574-0608 or via email at [lmario@water.ca.gov](mailto:lmario@water.ca.gov).

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